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In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP AF
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Application No.: 10/003,675) Group Art Unit: 2137
Filed: October 31, 2001) Examiner: Jeffrey D. Popham
For: METHOD FOR INSTALLING A) Appeal No.: _____
PORTAL TO A PROTECTED)
AREA OF A DISK DRIVE)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectively requested. Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 4 are independent.

On page 7 of the final Office Action, in rejecting new claim 8, the Examiner has indirectly raised a new rejection of unamended independent claim 4 (from which rejected claim 8 depends) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,812,883 (Rao). On pages 10-12 of the final Office Action, in rejecting new claim 7, the Examiner has raised a new rejection of unamended independent claim 1 as being unpatentable over the Rao patent in combination with the Torrubia-Saez patent. The final rejection of independent claims 1 and 4 based on newly cited art is improper, and it is requested that the finality of these rejections be withdrawn.

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